

## **OPENING**

Mayor Lisonbee brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. welcoming all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESENT**

Mayor Marty Lisonbee  
Councilmember Debbie Kopp  
Councilmember Paul Edwardsen  
Councilmember Denny Bass  
Councilmember Michael McLaughlin

Town Recorder Michelle Kinney

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Attorney Bryan Pattison (Resolution with BPWSSSD)  
Attorney Shaun Guzman  
Commissioner Wenn Jorgensen  
Commissioner Forrest Kuehne  
Ben Billingsley Accountant  
Code Enforcer Rich Ososki  
Mosquito Abatement Board member Margie Ososki  
Rick Moser Previous Mayor  
Harold Marrott Water Board Chair

## **EXCUSED**

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

#### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2019-01 TO REVOKE THE POWER OF THE BPWSSD BOARD**

Mayor opens time for questions.

Pam Quayle asks the question; what is the power you are revoking from the board? Mayor Lisonbee responds that the board will become Advisory to the Town Council. This means the Town Council will have final say with any money expenditures over a certain amount or take out loans or hire or fire individuals. They will be able to continue with the daily operations with a few restrictions.

Rick Moser shares his feelings about this resolution and putting the SSD under a taxing authority. Mayor responds by saying that they will not be taking the district under the town. It will still be separate. The intent today is to help get the budget back in line. Mr. Moser continues to express his feeling that he would have liked to see both entities come to an agreement. His concern is from what has happened in the last few months with increasing taxes. The Mayor explains his concern over billing and the SSD billing the town more in late fees that has even been collected in the history of the SSD. Mr. Moser explains his concern over rising taxes.

Harold Merritt: Explains that the SSD is current with all state loans. The 6 month moratorium had an impact on the district. He recommends that the state audit the books from the beginning and see how things come out in the end. Mr. Merritt expresses his feelings about how things have occurred over the past few months between the town and the district, including the comment that Mr. Bass may be a better candidate for the job of Chairman. He does feel this is a personal affront. He doesn't think that changing the based rate for water will be good for the town and will cause the water usage rate to go down by 30%. He shares his feeling that he doesn't like to see things happen this way.

Mayor Lisonbee: Addresses some of the items mentioned by Mr. Merritt in his statement. He mentioned having Mr. Bass because he is more of a budget person and the mayor felt concern about the portion of the budget that was dependent on impact fees. He was also concerned about bringing on full time employees and didn't feel that doing so was a fiscally responsible decision based on the lack of income this year from impact fees. In addition he mentioned that Robert Campbell wanted to have the impact fees reviewed by another company but instead the SSD chose to have the same company do it again and it cost them \$38,000. Mayor Lisonbee refers to the numbers in the packet located in the email between Ben Billingsley and Jauna McGinnis. Mayor Lisonbee mentions that he would be fine with having the books audited. The town plans on taking over the books to dig in and see what is going on with the books and find out why September billing went up.

Councilmember Paul Edwardsen: Shares his feeling that Harold Merritt is a very good man. But at the same time he would like to see the town be streamlined and fiscally responsible.

Councilmember Michael McLaughlin: Shares that one of his concerns was from before the mayor was in office. It has to do with the water district wanting to separate from the town and they wanted the Councilmember and mayor off the board. He feels that it is important for the town to be involved for checks and balances. He feels they are trying to protect the best interest of the town and its people.

Mayor Lisonbee requests Councilmember Kopp to speak about a previous meeting. She mentions that Harold Merritt said the district is separate from the town and doesn't

need to answer to the town.

Rich Kopp: There needs to be some cohesion between the district and the town. He agrees that we need the checks and balance.

Attorney Bryan Pattison makes a comment that the “adoption of ordinance” on the agenda should say “resolution.” Reading the resolution 2019-01 is done by Councilmember Michael McLaughlin.

**MOTION:** Councilmember McLaughlin motions to adopt the resolution 2019-01. Resolution modifying limiting and revoking the delegation of authority to the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Services District.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Edwardsen

**VOTE:**

Councilmember Kopp –	Aye
Councilmember Bass–	Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen –	Aye
Councilmember McLaughlin-	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### **BOOKKEEPING POLICY CHANGE BPWSSSD**

**TIMESTAMP: 39:00**

They mayor explains that we are eliminating the bookkeeper position for Big Plains. We want to share resources and Ben Billingsley will do the books for both entities. They will work out an equitable arrangement with Big Plains Water as to what that cost will be. Mayor describes the situation with Hildale and Colorado City and how they are able to share and work together between two towns and two states. He would like to see this happen here between the town and the Water District. It will all be above board and in writing. We will allow them to keep the late fees. Effective on 10/1/2018.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Edwardsen moves that we go through item B Elimination of dual bookkeeping record practice. All billing and bookkeeping and recording will be done by the town we are eliminating the bookkeeping and recording position at the SSD.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Kopp

**VOTE:**

Councilmember Kopp-	Aye
Councilmember Bass–	Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen -	Aye

Councilmember McLaughlin-	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**TOWN AND BPWSSSD COMBINED BILLING**

**Time stamp: 41:46**

Mayor Lisonbee talks about how the billing will be done in the future. This may be with one bill or with 2 bills in one envelope. The mayor will have Finance Director Billingsley determine the best practice for this item. The books and bank accounts will remain separate. The purpose of this is to reduce overall cost by not paying 2 people and buying 2 stamps to prepare bills. This will be done in an effort to save money for both the town and the SSD.

**MOTION:** Mayor Lisonbee makes a motion to combine the town and SSD billing.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Bass

<b>VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Kopp -	Aye
	Councilmember McLaughlin –	Aye
	Councilmember Bass–	Aye
	Councilmember Edwardsen -	Aye
	Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Final Resolution of Late Fee Billing Dispute between the Town and BPWSSD**

**Time Stamp: 44:16**

Mayor Lisonbee mentions the policy change to start collecting late fees was never brought before the Town council and voted on. But the town will concede future late fees as of October 1st 2018. The amount that Big Plains over billed the town is \$12,927 and we will collect that over the course of the next few years without putting them under undue pressure with their budget. He mentions that the email that is in tonight's packet between Mr. Billingsley and Mrs. McGinnis be adopted as documentation as to what has occurred and what is owed.

**MOTION:** Mayor Lisonbee motions to accept this document as a final resolution on this matter.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Kopp

<b>VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Kopp -	Aye
	Councilmember McLaughlin –	Aye
	Councilmember Bass–	Aye
	Councilmember Edwardsen -	Aye
	Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **CANNAN SPRINGS PIPELINE**

**Time stamp 47:48**

Mayor Lisonbee wants to verify that the numbers are correct. We want to be involved in this process and wonder if it is a good idea to take on new debt when we struggle to pay current notes. Perhaps another engineer looking at this will help keep the price in check with Rod Mills.

**MOTION:** Mayor Lisonbee motions that we request a presentation on the Canaan springs pipeline.

**SECOND:** Councilmember Kopp

<b>VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Kopp -	Aye
	Councilmember McLaughlin –	Aye
	Councilmember Bass–	Aye
	Councilmember Edwardsen -	Aye
	Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **REPORTS, RECOMMENDATION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Time stamp: 50:44**

- **Events Committee- Tish Lisonbee/Debbie Kopp-** Pet clinic with vaccinations for snakes and dogs. Online registration for those who are unable to come in. Mayor mentions that the new website will be live on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Planning Commission- Cynthia Browning/Michael McLaughlin-**
- **Fire Department- Chief Dave Zolg, Jr.** Training for the next 5 weekends. Responded to medical calls for accidents.
- **Engineering- Rod Mills- Mayor-**
- **Big Plains Water and Sewer SSD- Harold Merritt-**
- **Code Enforcement-Paul Edwardsen/Rich Ososki-**
- **Roads and storm drainage- Dennis Bass –** Mayor Lisonbee had Kevin out on Apple Valley

Way and Canaan Springs fixing some things out there. Canyon Drive has been cleaned up and repaired. Louie Ford mentioned at the last meeting what can be done to fill the lake by the bridge. The backhoe has been stuck down there twice and Kevin isn't too excited about doing that again.

- **Mosquito abatement- Margaret Ososki-**
- **Council**
- **Other-** Tish Lisonbee is concerned about ice near the mailboxes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Time Stamp: 57:45**

#### **OPEN:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Kopp motions to open public comments

**SECOND:** Councilmember Bass

<b>VOTE:</b>	Councilmember Kopp -	Aye
	Councilmember McLaughlin –	Aye
	Councilmember Bass–	Aye
	Councilmember Edwardsen -	Aye
	Mayor Lisonbee –	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Pam Quayle suggests conserving water.

Harold Merritt mentions there is a study that was completed by the USDA on the Canaan Pipeline. 1.5 million dollars for the pipeline. With a consolidation of our current loans and the grant from the USDA we will save approximately 16,000 a year. We have been approached by a water company to bottle this water from the spring. There is a lot of water to be captured that is currently running onto the ground. Pam Quayle asks the question is there a way to put this water back into the ground? Harold Merritt mentions that it is a lot cheaper to just use the water as it flows than to pump the water back into the ground then pump it back out. There is a subsidy for pumping the water back into the aquifer.

Rich Kopp- Thanks Jr. for helping with fixing the furnace today. He is wondering what the urgency is to get the Canaan pipeline done right away. When we first started it seemed like we just wanted to acquire the water and would get to the pipeline when we had the funds. Harold Merritt mentions that this is part of the discussion about what is the best way to go about doing this.

**CLOSE:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Edwardsen moves to close public comments

**SECOND:** Councilmember McLaughlin

**VOTE:** Councilmember Kopp - Aye  
Councilmember McLaughlin – Aye  
Councilmember Bass– Aye  
Councilmember Edwardsen - Aye  
Mayor Lisonbee – Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**GATEWAY PROJECT-ENSIGN ENGINEERING**

**REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Kopp Motions that we adjourn the meeting tonight January 2, 2018

**SECOND:** Councilmember Bass

**VOTE:** Councilmember Kopp - Aye  
Councilmember McLaughlin – Aye  
Councilmember Bass– Aye  
Councilmember Edwardsen – Aye  
Mayor Lisonbee – Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Date approved: 2-6-19



Marty Lisonbee, Mayor

ATTEST BY: Michelle Kinney  
Michelle Kinney, Recorder